

## Speech by

**His Excellency Nguon Nhel**, First Vice President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and President of the Organizing Committee of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AIPA General Assembly at the Farewell Dinner after the closing of the WAIPA Seminar on "**Accelerating the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goal-5 through the Role of Women Parliamentarians of AIPA**"

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- Honorable **Antonio CUENCO**, Secretary General of AIPA
- Honorable **IMELDA R. Marcos**, Member of Parliament of Philippine
- Honorable Women Parliamentarians of AIPA
- Your Excellencies, **Lauk Chum-teav** Members of the Senate, National Assembly and the Royal Government of Cambodia
- Excellencies, UN Agencies' Representatives, Development Partners, Representative of the Civil Society Organizations, National and International Distinguished Guests!

Tonight, on behalf of **Samdech Akka Moha Ponhea Chakrei Heng SAMRIN**, President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia and President of the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of AIPA and on my own behalf, I am very pleased to host this Farewell Dinner for Women Parliamentarians Delegations of AIPA, and all Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, National and International Distinguished Guests attending the WAIP Seminar on "**Accelerating the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goal-5 through the Role of Women Parliamentarians**" held in the last two consecutive days from March 10-11, 2011 ending with successful and fruitful result.

This WAIPA Seminar is manifest step toward the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of AIPA that shall be held in September, 2011. The event is also reflecting the renewal commitment of the legislative bodies of ASEAN Members Countries together with government(s), UN's Agencies, Development Partners and Civil Society

Organizations aiming toward "Achieving the Millennium Development Goal-5" by 2015.

During two consecutive days of the seminar, we were not only concentrating on Women who supplement family and society but also attracting the impression of every citizen to engage and seek all means in order to reduce the Mortality Rate of Women while deliver new life.

Obviously, it is unjust when woman die of giving birth. It caused the loss of valuable human resources and it has been yet including the sadness and affecting emotion of their family.

Furthermore, the seminar has shared amongst them the successful experiences of each respective country, and they had also learnt more from the Health Experts on Maternal and Child's Health. They were also finding the effective solution in order to improve the Health of Mother and Child because it is remained critical concern for all of us, especially, we all have agreed to a resolution on the **"Accelerating the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goal-5 through the Role of Women Parliamentarians"** which shall be incorporated into the agenda and seeking for adoption of the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA).

At the current situation where our world is facing and impacted by climate change, financial crisis and global economic recession that are causing adverse impact and risks to human being of every country, region and all over the world. With regard to these causes that require all of us to continue to strengthen principles and spirits of amity, understanding and cooperation and dialogues toward achieving the Millennium development Goal-5 and build ASEAN Community to be with prosperity by 2015.

Finally, I bless all the best and success to Honorable Head of Delegation and all delegates and please have good trip back home. I also wish our tie of friendship and cooperation of AIPA member countries is remained strong.

And please Excellencies delegates get your glass and cheers for the success and long lasting cooperation!

**Thank you!**